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Regional ESD Partners

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/esdpartners.pdf>

Who To Contact at ODE

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming System Downtime

This is a reminder of the upcoming scheduled system downtime for TDS to prepare for the launch of the 2018-2019 Operational Tests for ELA, Math, Science, Social Sciences, and ELPA. ELPA Screener tests and Smarter Interims and Benchmarks for pilot and purchase districts will not be available during this downtime. The TDS downtime is scheduled for **Friday, January 4 at 5:00 p.m. PT to Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 a.m. PT.** The full list of [Scheduled Downtimes](#) is available on the [OSAS Portal](#).

Oregon Statewide Assessment System Testing Window Opens Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (ELA, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences)

The Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) Testing Window opens on **Tuesday, January 8** and will extend through **Friday, June 7**. The OSAS Test Window includes the Oregon ELA and Mathematics Assessments for grades 3rd - 8th and high school, the Oregon Science Assessment for 5th, 8th, and high school, and the optional Oregon Social Sciences Assessment for 5th, 8th, and high school.

- As a reminder, the new 2018-2019 Oregon Science Assessments are aligned to the 2014 Oregon Science Standards. Visit the [Science Assessment webpage](#) for more information.

Test Administrators must complete all required training as specified in Section 1.5 of the [Test Administration Manual](#) prior to administering these assessments.

Sample and Training tests are available on the [OSAS Portal](#) to help students prepare and preview test question types aligned to academic standards.

For more information, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

ELPA21 Window Opening Soon

The ELPA21 testing window is scheduled to open on **January 8** and will extend until **April 12**. Remember that districts should update student SSIDs and enter any domain exemptions of any prospective test takers prior to their beginning the test.

For more information, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Educator Opportunities 2019

The Oregon Department of Education is recruiting qualified educators to support and represent the State of Oregon at the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium assessment activities for 2019. These in-person activities will be hosted by Smarter Balanced during summer 2019.

Smarter Balanced educator recruiting activities include:

- Item Authoring for ELA and/or Mathematics
- Passage Review for Content, Fairness, and Accessibility
- Item Review for Content, Fairness, and Accessibility
- Range-finding
- Data Review (virtual)

Lodging, travel costs, and applicable reimbursements will be provided following the meeting to each selected participant. The selected educators will need to complete additional travel and contract information.

Interested candidates can apply by submitting the [online application form](#) to Smarter Balanced by **February 8, 2019**. Please refer to the [General Information for Educator Involvement Document](#) for additional information or contact Tony Bertrand, ELA Assessment Specialist at tony.bertrand@state.or.us or 503-947-5830.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

AESRP Meeting on January 11, 2019 REPEAT

This is a reminder that the spring Assessment of Essential Skills Review Panel (AESRP) meeting will occur **January 11, 2019, 9 - 10:30 a.m.**, via webinar. Please [register](#) to attend the meeting.

For more information, please see the article posted in the [December 13 A&A Update](#). If you have further questions or potential topics of discussion, contact Tony Bertrand at tony.bertrand@state.or.us or 503-947-5830.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Upcoming Fall Membership Validation Refreshes

The Fall Membership validation will be refreshed weekly in January starting on **January 10, 2019**. The validation closes on **January 25, 2019**. Please view your data in the [Achievement Data Insight](#) Application. The Regional ESD partners will be notifying those districts and institutions that have not yet viewed their data. Validation email notices will go out the week of January 7 to those districts and institutions that have unusual data compared to last school year. Please view and edit your data as early as possible since no changes will be allowed after January 25. If you have questions or need the First Period ADM collection re-opened, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Robin Stalcup](#), 503-947-0849.

Second Period Cumulative ADM Collection Closes January 11

The collection window for Second Period Cumulative ADM closes **Friday, January 11**. You can find information about the Second Period Cumulative ADM collection on the [ADM Resources Page](#) and in the [web training](#) from December 6.

Second Period Cumulative ADM will reopen on **Thursday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m.** for the audit review window. During the audit review window, the collection will be open to all to review audits and to make any needed corrections. If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or Amanda Leopard at amanda.leopard@state.or.us or 503-947-5674.

Cohort and NCES Graduation/Dropout Validations Final Preview: January 3, 2019

The final refresh for the [4 year Cohort](#), [5 year Cohort](#), and [NCES Graduation/Dropout rates](#) is scheduled for January 3 after 1 PM in the [Achievement Data Insight \(ADI\)](#). After this refresh, these data will be considered final, but still embargoed until the public release. For questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Beth Blumenstein](#) at 503-947-5767.

2018-19 Kindergarten Assessment Report Validation Window Open January 3rd

The 2018-19 preliminary Oregon Kindergarten Assessment results are available for districts to review in the Kindergarten Assessment Validation located in the [Achievement Data Insight \(ADI\)](#) application from **Thursday, January 3** through **Friday, January 18, 2019**. This data will be refreshed in the ADI application weekly until the validation window closes on January 18.

For questions or if corrections to your data are needed, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or Elyse Bean at elyse.bean@state.or.us or 503-947-5831.

REMINDER: Replace ALL Program Type 13 Records in First Period Cumulative ADM REPEAT

Program Type 13 records need to be replaced in First Period Cumulative ADM as soon as college membership information is known. Once these data have been obtained, the district is responsible for requesting that the collection be reopened and updating the record to accurately reflect the additional program information. As a note, a district does not need to know if a student passed a college course to report the information in Cumulative ADM, only how many credits the student attempted. For more information, please see the article posted in the [December 13 A&A Update](#).

To request that your First Period Cumulative ADM 18-19 collection be reopened for correction, or if you have questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or Amanda Leopard at amanda.leopard@state.or.us or 503-947-5674.